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INITIAL WEST BERLIN PRESS REACTION TO AUG 13 EAST GERMAN ACTION (LIMITED TO FEW PAPERS APPEARING MONDAYS) IS ONE OF OUTRAGE COMBINED WITH STRONG DEMANDS FOR WESTERN COUNTER ACTIONS. TABLOID BILD ZEITUNG (IND) EDITORIAL PRINTED IN BARBED WIRE FRAME AND HEADED "ACT NOW." DECLARED SOVZONE AS OF AUG 13 OFFICIALLY HUGE CONCENTRATION CAMP FROM WHICH HARDLY AN EXIT REMAINS; WEST BERLIN, DOOR TO FREEDOM, IS ISOLATED. EDITORIAL DECRIES PAPER PROTESTS AS INSUFFICIENT, AND EXHORTS WEST AND FEDREP TO TAKE FOLLOWING COUNTER ACTIONS AGAINST ULBRICHT REGIME: (1) END ECONOMIC RELATIONS; (2) STOP STEEL DELIVERIES; (3) TERMINATE CULTURAL RELATIONS. IN PARTICULAR PERFORMANCES ACTORS, MUSICIANS, NAVY WRITERS FROM WEST; (4) CUT OFF CONTACTS IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

B.Z. (IND) EDITORIAL UNDER LEAD "DO SOMETHING AT LAST, IT IS HIGH TIME" DENOUNCED SOVZONE REGIME AS A GANG OF CONCENTRATION CAMP GUARDS; DECLARED IT WAS NOW COMPLETING WORK OF TURNING SOV ZONE INTO SOV COLONY; PROCLAIMED NOW WAS THE TIME FOR FREE BERLIN TO BROADCAST CRY OF INDIGNATION TO ENTIRE WORLD. CALLED FOR MASS DEMONSTRATION. PAPER ALSO DEMANDED THAT SED FUNCTIONARIES IN WEST BERLIN BE CHASED BACK TO EAST, THAT COMM.E OFFICES IN FREE BERLIN BE CLOSED AND S-BAHN TAKEN OVER BY WEST.

EDITORIAL IN DIE WELT (IND) BY CHIEF EDITOR ZEHRENT ENTITLED

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"A SECOND HUNGARY" FOCUSED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EAST GERMAN ACTION FIRST ON KHRUSHCHEV THEN ON ULDRICHT AND DECLARED CONSEQUENCES OF RECENT MEASURES CANNOT AS YET BE FORESEEN. REFERRING TO UPCOMING SPEECH BY ADENAUER, ZEHREUR URGED HIS REMARKS SHOULD BE DIRECTED NOT ONLY TO GERMANS BOTH SIDES ZONAL BORDER; WHOLE WORLD MUST BE TOLD WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND WHAT DANGERS WERE AROUSED. EDITORIAL ALSO CALLED ON BRANDT TO REMAIN IN CITY, GIVE UP CAMPAIGN SPEECHES. ZEHREUR SAID IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT WEST GERMANS NOW GO TO LEIPZIG FAIR AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. CONTINUED IT NOT FOR GERMANS TO SAY WHAT WESTERN POWERS SHOULD DO, BUT POSED QUESTION WHETHER THERE REMAINS ANYTHING TO NEGOTIATE ON PEACE TREATY SINCE OTHER SIDE HAS ALREADY PUT ITS DEMANDS INTO PRACTICE, AND WESTERN POWERS NOT ONLY UNDER PRESSURE BUT FACED WITH ACCOMPLISHED FACTS. CONCLUDES EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED WHICH CANNOT BE HANDLED WITH SPEECHES AND MEMORANDA AND WEST FACED WITH DECISIONS WHICH CAN NO LONGER BE AVOIDED.

NACHT-ZEITUNG (FRG/SPD) RAN FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY BY ARNO SCHOLZ, CHIEF EDITOR OF TELEGRAPH, ALSO MAKING POINT THAT GDR ACTION DESIGNED CREATE FACTUAL SITUATION GIVING SOVS ADVANTAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS, ANTICIPATED WHAT KHRUSHCHEV HOPED TO ATTAIN WITH PEACE TREATY. ADDED THAT THIS AMOUNTED TO ANNEXATION OF EAST SECTOR BERLIN BY PANKOW REGIME, AN OUT-RIGHT ILLEGAL ACTION PERMITTED IF NOT IN FACT ENCOURAGED BY USSR. ALTHOUGH ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN NOT AFFECTED, WESTERN ALLIES SHOULD NOT DECEIVE SELVES RE SERIOUSNESS TEST FACED BY THEM; THEY MUST REACH DECISION FIRST; THEN FEDGOVT. SCHOLZ URGED GERMAN PEOPLE TO REFUSE ATTEND EVENTS SPONSORED EAST ZONE REGIME, SPECIFICALLY LEIPZIG FAIR, AND TO TAKE OTHER ACTIONS MAKING CLEAR TO BOTH MOSCOW AND PANKOW THAT THEIR MOVES WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

DER ABEND (IND) ATTACKED BRUTALITY WITH WHICH SOVZONE REGIME HAD VIOLATED BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, CONTRASTING HYPOCRITICAL

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STATEMENTS OF NEUES DEUTSCHLAND WITH ACTUAL CONDITIONS ON
SECTOR BORDERS. EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTED THAT CHANCELLOR HAD
DECLARED NECESSARY COUNTER-MEASURES WOULD BE AGREED UPON WITH
ALLIES, AND ADDED IT WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR SUCH MUST NOT BE LIMITED
TO PAPER PROTESTS. ABEND ADDED THAT ULBRICHT NERVOUSLY TRYING
TO KEEP WESTERN POWERS OUT OF WHOLE AFFAIR AND BRAZENLY TO
DENY THAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AFFECTED.

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